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Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Loras 1970 BA; Iowa 1974 JD
Began Service: February 26, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1986-1992); District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1992-2002)

Legal Practice: Partner, O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch & Norby (and predecessor firms) (1974-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1972); United States Army Reserve (1972-1976)

Current Memberships: Dean Mason L. Ladd Inn of Court; Dubuque County Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association; Linn County Bar Association

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Lavenski R. Smith
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
Education: Arkansas 1981 BA, 1987 JD
Began Service: July 19, 2002

Academic: Assistant Professor, John Brown University (1994-1996)

Government: Regulatory Liaison, Arkansas Governor's Office (1996-1997); Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission (1997-1999)

Judicial: Associate Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court (1999-2000)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Hall, Wright & Morris (1985-1987); Staff Attorney, Ozark Legal Services (1987-1991); Sole Proprietor, Smith Law Office (1991-1994)

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Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: January 9, 1963
Education: Princeton 1985 BA; Yale 1988 JD
Began Service: September 30, 2003
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Raymond W. Gruender
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1963
Education: Washington U 1984 BA, 1987 MBA, 1987 JD
Began Service: June 28, 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: U.S. Attorney, Missouri - Eastern District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1987-1990); Private Practice (1994-2000)

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Duane Benton
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Yale 1975 JD; Memphis State 1979 MBA;
Virginia 1995 LLM
Began Service: July 8, 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Westminster College; Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri Columbia School of Law

Government: Chief of Staff to Congressman, United States Congress (1980-1982); State Revenue Director, State of Missouri (1989-1991)

Judicial: Chief Justice, Missouri Supreme Court (1997-1999); Judge, Missouri Supreme Court (1991-2004)

Military Service: United States Navy (1975-1979); Judge Advocate General CAPT., United States Navy Reserves (1979-2002)

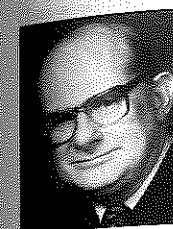
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**Donald P. Lay**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1926
Education: Iowa 1949 BA, 1951 JD
Began Service: July 22, 1966
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Part-time Instructor, University of Minnesota (1983-1994); Instructor, William Mitchell Law School (1995-2000)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1980-1992)

Military Service: United States Navy (1944-1945)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Association

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Gerald W. Heaney
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1918
Education: Minnesota 1938 BS, 1941 LLB
Began Service: 1966
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Attorney Investigator, Securities Commission, Commerce Department, State of Minnesota (1941-1942)

Legal Practice: Partner, Lewis, Hammer, Heaney, Weyl & Halverson (1946-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1942-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Minnesota Bar Association

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**Myron H. Bright**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919
Education: Minnesota 1941 BSL, 1947 JD
Began Service: 1968
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Distinguished Professor of Law, St. Louis University (1985-1990); Professor Emeritus, Law School, St. Louis University (1990-1995)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wattam, Vogel, Vogel, Bright and Peterson (1947-1968)

Military Service: Captain, United States Air Force (1942-1946)

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Theodore McMillian
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919
Education: Lincoln U (MO) 1941 BS; St Louis U 1949 LLB
Began Service: 1978
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Missouri Bar Association; Mound City Bar Association; St. Louis Lawyers Association

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